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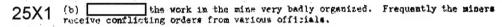
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for outstanding work, have recently not been earning more than 7,000-8,000 Kc per month. This is unusually low for Stakhanovites. A married employee (with one child) who works on the surface earns about 3,500 Kc. per month. If he takes his meals in the canteen daily, this would not be enough to pay even for his food. The highest paid official is Director Sychoda. He earns 20,000 Kc. per month. But from this amount he pays each month 5,000 Kc to the Party fund and another 1,000 Kc to the Korean Aid Fund. On 13 March 53 a strike broke out in the Zbuch mine in protest against low wages. It lasted only four hours, however, because the majority of the German miners (who make up about 70% of the labor force) returned to work under the threats and persuasion of the management.



- (c) The fact that no new machinery or equipment has been received since 1948 adds to production difficulties. During the German Occupation the mine wer much better mechanized.
- "In their efforts to increase efficiency, the Communists introduced new working methods which are popularly referred to as 'rabovani' reckless exploitation of resources, equipment and manpower. In order to save time all elementary security measures have been totally neglected. As a result the accident rate has increased sharply: In 1952 alone there were five fatal accident; and many injuries.
- "In autumn 1953 the miners had a good laugh when a Soviet cutting combine was brought 6. to Zbuch to be 'tested'. To their surprise the combine was not taken down to the pit, but tested on the surface, near the canteen. The whole show was filmed. The miners, finally learned from the engineer of the combine that the combine was actually tested only once, in the Kladuo coal mines, and was found unsuitable for work. From there it was first taken to Ostrava and then to several other mining regions for propaganda purposes. On each location it was filmed 'in action'. The final film is to show what modern Soviet equipment has been introduced into all Czechoslovak mines.

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- "The largest part of the mine's output is assigned to the power plant attached to the mine. The allocation is always insufficient since the power plant is adapted for highgrade coal. Additional coal must be brought from neighbouring pits as well as from Kladno and Most, since the Zbuch mine is unable to supply sufficient high-grade coal. The rest of the output is transported by truck to the Skoda Works in Filsen, to Ceske Budejovice and to Prague. Part of it is exported to the German Federal Republic.
- "Special allocations of coal to miners and mining employees were discontinued in early autumn 1952 and then reintroduced, after strong protests, that November. However, instead of good quality coal, only inferior brown coal from the Most mines was distributed. Though the management promised that double allocations would be issued of this low quality coal. only 20 q were distributed per person. That was the same amount miners used to receive of the high quality coal. Moreover, only one member of a family could get this per capite allocation free of charge. If two members of the same family were working in the mine, only one could claim a free allocation.

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	staunch Communist. Min	ers are force	d to subscribe to the		
	and periodicals in the	amount of 10	Kc per month.		
12.	"The Chairman of the lo	cal National	Committee of Zbuch is	s (fnu) Tezky.	His deputy,
	who was acting for him	in Harch 1953	,is (Inu) Faur.		
13.	"A forced labor camp, 1	ocated on the	right-hand side of	the road leadi	ng to Domaslice
	and Pilsen, is attached surrounded by a wooden	to the Zbuch	coal mines. It cons	ists of four p	rimitive barracks
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